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Application No:	09/986,801
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Title:	<b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE DATA</b>
Group Art Unit:	2143
Examiner:	AVELLINO, Joseph E.

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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,091,771 to Bolan et al., issued February 25, 1992;
3. "Problems to Spare", by Douglas W. Nelms, *AirTransport World*, November 1998, pages 96, 99;
4. "MiniButtons Track Aircraft Components", *Airforce*, Winter 1998, page 36;
5. "Knowledge of Hazardous Chemicals in the Aviation Workplace Can Help Prevent Work-related Illness and Injury", *Flight Safety Foundation Aviation Mechanics Bulletin*, July-August 1997, pages 22-23;
6. "ButtonMemory Keeps it All Forever", *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, October 19, 1998, page 14;
7. "Electronic Logbook", by Paul Proctor, "Industry Outlook", *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, October 27, 1997, page 13;
8. "Paper Out, Memory In", by David Mulholland, *Navy Times*, June 8, 1998;
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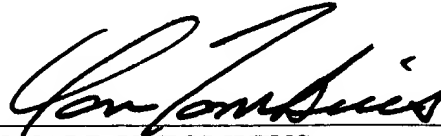
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Submitted on behalf of the Applicant,  
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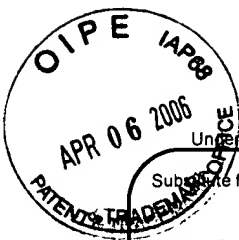
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